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THE DISASTER TO CALVESTON.

Four Latter-day Saint Elders Miraculously Preserved.

NOT TOUCHED BY THE FLOOD

The House in Which They Were the Only One in the Neighborhood Not Damaged.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 13, 1900. To the Editor:

Four Elders of the Church, Peter A. Norton, of Pima, Arizona; Horace L. Johnson, of Thatcher; Samuel Shaw, of North Ogden, Utah, and Heber N. Folkman, of Plain City, Utah, have been laboring as missionaries in the city of Galveston, Texas, for the past three months and a half. We have been holding meetings on the streets, also in private houses, but owing to the prejudice that existed there, we were unable to do much in regard to holding meetings. By the help of the Lord we went forth distributing our tracts and went form distributing out that is also bearing our testimony to the people, warning them, and trying to show them the truth of the Gospel. We found a few people that would listen to us, but by accepting the testi-mony they found they would hoose their tripole and they would hoose their

friends, and they would not be ban-tized. Their friends were worth more to them than their salvation. We feel that we have done all that we could, and the rest will be left with

God. When, on the 8th of September, that



past eighteen months, have been mad in these parts, and as seen as the El-ders are removed from the west back to the east, many honest souls are in-cluded into the fold.

I have had the privilege of laboring in several different counties since I have been here, and I find many Salats and friends complaining of broken nd friends complaining of broken promises. Returning Elders sometimes promise that they will write the Saints and friends remaining, and in many ases I have found the latter anxiously waiting a letter. Much good could be lone by returned Elders always renembering their promises, and keeping

I rejoice greatly in my labors and m thankful to my Pather in heaven hat I have had the privilege of coming ato the world as an ambassador of ruth, and for the restimony I have needed

The "News" is a welcome visitor and a doing a mighty work in the South in helping to allay prejudice and in many instances, especially in cities, it helps to pave the way for the Gospel. Your brother,

JOSEPH E. CALDWELL,

SUNDAY SCHOOL JUBILEE.

Elders and Saints in Maryland Have a Time of Rejoicing.

Charleston, Jeff. Co. W. Va., September 11, 1900. To the Editor: In our labors in the Maryland conerence during the past summer, we have not realized fruit in the way of

have not realized fruit in the way of baptisms, but we feel we have been sowing precious seeds, some of which, we are hopeful will bring forth fruit in the due time of the Lord. On the 25th of August, a pleasant day was spent at Mannings, Jeff. Co., W. Va. It was the occasion of a Sunday school jubilee in which the members of the Mannings Sabbath school took part and a goodly number of friends and strangers were in attendance also. attrangers were in attendance also. At II a. m. in the bowery, where school is held each Sunday, the congre-gation was called to order and a short program consisting of speeches, dia ogues, recitations and songs was ren

dered in a pleasing manner. A recess was taken from 12 n. to 3 p. m., during which time lunch was served m, during which time funch was served on the grounds. All who had gathered were invited to partake. After the as-semblage had done honor unto the heavily laden tables, the congregation again were seated and another program was rendered; which with that of the morning reflects great tredit upon the morning reflects great credit upon the

At the conclusion of the program the people remained seated and refresh-ments were passed around. This concluded the day's exercises. On August 30th we were called upon to give the parting hand to our confer ence president, Elder Edwin Wright

upon his release from the mission field We are sorry to part with our breth-en, as their labors are appreciated in the spreading of the Gospel truths. Your Brethren, M. ORME J. J. THUMWAY, E. N. SCOFIELD. PREACHING IN BULGARIA.



has strengthened me very much, and through these persecutions, I have gained power and appreciate more the ways of the Lord. It is pleasant to la-

MICHA MARKOW.

CONFERENCE IN WISCONSIN. Elders and Saints From Many Places

Meet in Milwaukee. 1718 Fond du Lae Ave., Milwaukee,

Wis., sept. 13, 1900. To the Editor:

The semi-annual conference of Wis-consin was held in Milwaukee, Sept. 8 and 9. Elder L. A. Kelsch, of the Northern States mission, and Elder J. W. W. Fitzgerald of the Chicago branch, with twenty-two Wisconsin El-ders was present. lers were present

Saints and friends from Oskosh,Sheboggan, Janesville, and Newcastle had come to Milwaukee to attend conference. All meetings were well attended. Sunday at 7:20 p. m. the hail was filled and dozens thronged the sidewalk and street so the police had to pass through

several times to keep a path clear. Elder G. W. Leishman, the first speaker, hore a testimony to the mission of the Prophet Joeson Smith, and expressed his gratitude to God for

Elder T. H. Cluff gave some foreible illustrations of the consistency of the first principles of the Gospel and bore

testimony to their heavenly origin. At the Priesthood meeting Sunday at

3 a. m., the Elders were assigned their companions and fields of labor, and received valuable instructions. Elders Kelsch and Yorgesen counseled the Elders to be zealous in street meetings; and told them to testify to all people that God had set up His work on earth

or the last time, The Sacrament was administered at The sacrament was administered at the 2 o'clock meeting, after which Fi-der John Heaton, of the Wisconsin presidency reported the good work at La Crosse and the devotedness of both Elders and Saints in the western part if the State.

Elder Relsch occupied the greater part of the afternoon meeting, Elder Yorgesen, of the Wisconsin con-

Filer Forgesen, of the Wisconsin con-ference, bore a powerful testimony to the Gospel as revealed in our day and urged the people to Investigate and learn for themselves. In the evening Elder Flizgerald, of Chicago, invited the people to Investi-gate the claims made by the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

day Saints. Elder J. F. Alired, of the Wisconsin presidency, was the next speaker. He said the ancient Apostles were witness-ess of Jesus Christ; so also is the Latter-day Elder. Elder J. E. Knapp spoke on authori-ty and the power and blessings accom-panying God's servants in all the

Elders J. E. Knapp, J. O. Smith, G.

Elders J. E. Knapp, J. O. Smith, G. W. Leishman and O. Bills were re-leased to return home. The remaining Elders are encouraged and determined to be more faithful in the future, seeing the work of the past six months in which twenty-seven have been added to the Church by baptism. On Monday a picnic and excursion to Lake Park was the order of the day.

martyrdom, and helped to make th coffins in which they were buried. He says Joseph was not gulity of the crimes with which he was charged; and that be did all he could to break up the "Danite band." He states that there were depredations committed in and around Nauyoo by a set of lawless marauders, that were charged to the Saints, but that these were not guilty of any of them. I nsked him once if he heard in those

days that the Prophet Joseph had prophesied that the Saints would be driven to the Rocky Mountains. He answered, "Yes;" he then quoted the prophecy almost word for word, as it is recorded in our Church history. He also said it was common talk stround Nauyco about the falles who was dealso said it was common talk around Nauvoo about the fellow who was de-termined to cut off the head of the Prophet, but was prevented from doing so by a flash that came between him and Joseph. He has related to me many interesting incidents in the life of the Prophet. These testimonies com-ing from a man who is today not of our faith, are of great worth to me. I have also met my second cousin, James Martindale, of Washington, (now Greensfork) who testified to me of the Greensfork), who testified to me of th healing of Esther Mendenhall Bunnel (Dr. Romania R. Pratt's mother) after being an invalid for years, by the anointing and laying on of hands, by

antiniting and laying on of bands, by John E. Page and others. He was but a boy when it occurred, but remem-bers it distinctly. The house in which she fay, and the chimney by its side, are still standing. Last Tucsday I visited Mrs. Davidson, who is a circle layor Plakon R. T.

who is a sister-in-law of Bishop R. T Burton. She has many relatives h Burton. She has many relatives in Utah; is firm in the faith, but has never yet been bantized. If there are any who have relatives or friends in this city, or county, they would like me to yisit, please send me

their names and address, and I will be pleased to do se

The "News" is always a welcome vis-E. M. ALLRED,

WEST ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

A Profitable Gathering at Burlington, Boone County.

itor.

Burlington, Ark., Sept. 12, 1900.

To the Editor: After six months of untiring efforts to sprend the light of the Gospel, the Eiders of the West Arkansas conference were called together again in con-ference. Through rain, mud and swol-len streams, and over rough roads, the Elders made their way to Burlington. Boone county, the appointed place, Our meetings were held in a bowery erected for the occasion, in an oak grove near by one of nature's choicest

springs of water. Our first meeting was held on Satur-day night, Sept, sth, with a large attendance.

Conference president, Elder Joseph W. Webb, presided, After the opening exercises he explained the object in thus meeting together, after which he exhorted his hearers to investigate what would be said during our meet-ines.

ings. Elder L. C. Leavitt spoke for some length on the bearing of false witness and showing how unreasonable the ru-mors about the Latter-day Saints are

He was followed by Elder Nephi Wil-liams on the same toples. Sunday morning, the 9th, at 8:30 o'clock, we all met in Priesthood meet-ing presided over by Mission President James G. Duifin. The reports of the Elders wave given

Elders were given. The congregation was again called to order at 11 a. m. by Elder Joseph W. Webb.

Elder Nephi Williams was the first speaker, his subject being "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Elder B. W. Hale then made a few remarks, after which Elder Charles W. Riggs talked interest ingly on the organization of the Church Elder James G. Duffin spoke for some ime on the establishment of the Church by God through the instrumen tality of the Prophet Joseph Smith Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock met again with a still larger attend-ance, people came for miles to hear the testimonies and teachings of the El-

Elder Joseph W. Webb was the first to speak, showing how truth was always opposed by the majority and es

were present Elders Géorge Teasdale, John W. Taylor and Anthon H. Lund, of the Council of the Apostles; the Stake presidency, a full attendance of the members of the High Council, Bishops of the various wards, Patriarchs and leading Elders of the Stake. After the opening exercises, Elder Joseph S. Clark, of the Stake presidency, gave a brief report of the Stake. All organiza-tions were in complete order. The law tions were in complete order. The law of tithing is being taught by the presi-dency of the Stake, Bishops of the wards and by the presidents of quo-

rums. Elder Anthon H. Lund then followed, speaking on the law of tithing, and its just application to both sich and poor. He also spoke of the great and marvel-ous work of the Lord in these the last

Elder John W. Taylor addressed the congregation for a few minutes, speak-ing on the necessity of observing the

ing on the necessity of observing the laws of God. At 2 p. m., after the Sacrament was administered. Elder George Teasdale delivered a very interesting and in-structive discourse. Elder Anthon H. Lund followed. He read from the Doe-trine and Covenants, page 251, and spoke of the good work being done by the religious classes in the Davis Stake. Elder John W. Hess stuted that as the people of the Stake were very busy gathering their tomators, (there are four canneries running at present in the county), fruit, etc., there would be but county), fruit, etc., there would be but one day of conference.

one day of conference. Conference then adjourned for three months to meet at Kaysville. JOHN J. SMITH, Stake Clerk.

Snow Flake Stake.

Woodruff, Ariz., Sept. 14, 1900. To the Editor:

The regular quarterly conference of nowflake Stake was held at St. Joseph, Sept. 9th and 10th, 1900. The regularly appointed session of the high council was held at the same place on the Fri-

day previous, All the members of the Stake presi-All the members of the Stake presi-dency were present, most of the high councilors, and at the conference meet-ings we were also biessed with the pres-ence of the Bishops and members of the various wards. One pleasing and interesting feature was the presence and instructions of several of our breth-en who have back actured from misren who have lately returned from mls-

An excellent spirit prevailed through all the exercises. On Sunday, the 9th, the Sacrament was administered, and on Monday, the 16th, both General and local Church Authorities were sustained by the unanimous vote of the assembled Saints.

The reports indicated a fairly prosperous condition of the Saints; although in some localities the heavy drouth had seriously damaged the crops.

Respectfully, L. M. SAVAGE, Clerk.

St. George Stake.

The regular quarterly conference of this Stake was held in St. George tabernacle Sunday and Monday, Sept. 9th ernacie Sunday and Monday, Sept. stu and 10th. Previous to conference we had the pleasure of the arrival of Apostle Francis M. Lyman, who, on his way from Kanab Stake, commenced his labors in this Stake by holding meetings at Rockville and Grafton on Wednesday, the 5th. At Grafton he re-organized the ward by ordaining Wm. Learn as Bickon vice Jarges M. Ballard organized the ward by ordaining Wm. Isom, as Bishop, vice James M. Ballard, resigned: he also set apart as counsel-ors to the Bishop, John Wood Jr. and James N. Stanworth. Elders F. M. Lyman and David Me-Arthur held meeting at Virgen City and Toquerville, on the 5th, and at Leeds and Washington on the 7th, driving to St. George in the evening.

and washington on the (IL, driving to St. George in the evening. Elders F. M. Lyman and Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake, together with the presidency and some of the High Council of the Stake, met with the conference of the Relief societies at the morning session on Saturday, the Sth. The sisters con-tinued their conference in the afternoon, but the visiting and Stake and ward but the visiting and Stake and ward authorities spent the afternoon of Sat-urday in Priesthood meeting. At the close of an abreviated session

States, for which he was sit apart on the 13th of October, 1898. He labored all the time in the Southwest Virginia RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder James E. Knopp, of Moroni, Sanpete county, returned on the 17th of | enjoyable time,

this month from the Northern States nission. He was set apart on the 13th of April, 1898, and his field of labor has been the Wisconsin conference. He says, he succeeded well in his efforts to place he Gospel before the people.

Elder George W. Leishman, of Logan, Cache county, was set apart on the 15th of April, 1898, for a mission to the Northern States. He returned home n the 17th of this month, having la-ored fifteen months in the Southern Illinois conference, and the balance of the time in the Wisconsin conference. He says he has made many friends

the eastern conference, in the cities of Pueblo and Denver. The last four months he was laboring in the Arizona conference which he was the instrument of open-ing up, he being the first Elder in that reart of the field Brother Johnson

Elder Oliver Duey Wood, of Fielding, Boxelder county, returned on the 17th of this month from the Southern States in the 17th of May, 1898. His field of labor has been the Virginia conference, where he has met with gratifying success and had an enjoyable time.

Elder B. V. Pack, of Kamas, Summit county, returned on the 17th of this month from the Southern States mission. He was set apart on the 27th of April, 1898, and has since then been laboring in the Virginia conference. The mission is progressing well, the Elders laboring with zeal and energy for the cause.

Elder S. Rasmussen, of Draper, Salt Lake county, was set apart on the 17th of September, 1898, for a mission to the Soundinavian countries. He has been laboring in the Aarhus conference, Den-mark. For fifteen months he presided over Randers branch. Elder Rasmussen says he has had a very successful mis-sion. He has baptized 23 persons. He returned home on the 12th of this month, feeling well in every respect.

Elder Peter A. Steers, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, returned on the 18th of this month from a mission to the Eastern

Elder Frederick Warden, of Sciplo Millard Co., returned on the 13th of this month from the Northern States mission. He has been laboring in the State of Minnesota, where, he says, he

been laboring in the Leeds conference during his absence. He states that the

conference is in a prosperous condition and that the Elders are meeting with

has made many friends. There are many investigators and the work is progressing well. He was set apart for this mission on the 10th of April, 1899.

considerable success.

It's the Man Who thinks he cannot get a readymade suit to fit him. The man who has his clothes made to order. This is the man we want to see. It is true that most ready-made

clothing lacks the fit and style that you want, but many improvements have been made in men's attire.

Our custom-made suits and overcoats possess the same fit, neatness of appearance and good wearing qualities as characterizes the most skillful merchant tailor product. You

THINK OF THE SAVING.

It matters not what the size or shape of the man may be. We

We have all cuts in latest styles. Sack, single or double-breasted,

can fit one as easily as another, whether stout, thin or of regular di-

can not tell the difference, and

frock. Prince Albert, full dress and tuxedo sults.

mensions.

ana, and for the last eleven months he presided over the latter conference. Speaking of that field he says the El-ders are performing a good work. They are meeting with encouraging success in their efforts at proclaiming the Gos-pel to the people. Elder Harvey re-turned on the lith of this month. Elder F. V. Ensign, of Forest Dala Sait Lake Co., returned on the 12th of this month from a mission to the Northduring his absence. this month from a mission to the North-ern States. He was set apart on the 6th of July, 1898, and has been laboring in the Minnesota conference, over which he presided the last six months. The conference, he says, is in a flourish-has condition. Elder Charles R. Jonhson of Huntington, Emery county, was set apart on the 16th of June, 1898, for a mission to Colorado. He labored in the western con-ference for three months and then in ing condition.

part of the field. Brother Johnson states that his mission was to him most enjoyable, and the prospects for success are bright.

Elder A. H. Young, of Three Mile Creek, Boxelder Co., returned on the 14th of this month, from a mission to the Southern States. He was set apart on the 15th of June, 1898, and has been laboring in the East Tennessee con-ference. Elder Young enjoyed his in-bors until recently, when he took sick and consequently, could not attend to and consequently, could not attend to his missionary duties. He feels better since he came back to the mountains and now hopes for a speedy recovery,

Elder Niel C. Jensen, of Sandy. Salt Lake Co., returned home on the 14th of this month from the Southern States. He was set apart on the Southern States, He was set apart on the 15th of March, 1899, for that mission and was arsigned to the South Carolina conference. El-der Jensen says he has enjoyed his mission and met with good success. He has had the privilege of adding, by heartist, fourteen persons to debaptism, fourteen persons to the

conference, and he had, he says, a most

Elder Hugh W. Harvey, of Heber City, Wasatch county, was set apart on the 5th of April, 1898, for a mission to the Northern States. He has been la-

boring in northern and southern Indi-ana, and for the last eleven months he

Church. Elder Alonzo Ingram, of Nephl. Junb Co., returned on the 13th of this month from the British mission. He was set apart on the 16th of July, 1898, and has

great wind and flood can city, we were stopping with a family by the name of Daniels, and on that night, when the water commenced to come into the house, they were afraid and pulled for higher ground, leaving us Elders there alone. We moved up-stairs, took the bed clothes and a few chairs and trusted in the Lord to bring us safe through. We were confident that He would take care of His ser wants, and we proved it to be a fact, for that house was the only one in that neighborhood that was not damaged. When the people came back the next morning very badly frightened, the lady told us that she had wished many times in the number that she had staved times in the night that she had visited many times in the night that she had stayed with us, for she knew we were God-serving men, and that if He saved any one. He would us. And we told them that we slept, while they wandered about in fear, as the house in which they were reached like a craddle. We they were, rocked like a craddle. V feel truly thankful to our heaven Father for the preservation of our lives, for if He had not heard and answered our prayers, we are satisfic under the circumstances, we would have been numbered with the dear

After we had talked with the pe for a while, we went to see the dam that was done, when, to our asteni ment, we found about half of the o in ruins, and dead and wounded on e ery hand.

We thought we had witnessed seen before that were heart-rending, but it was terrible to behold men, women and children lying all around us dead, eith-er drowned or killed by the failing houses. They were hauling corpore in by the wagon loads, and they were disposed of like so many hogs, rich and black and white, together; it made no difference

We took the first chance to leave the city. On Tuesday morning there was a beat leaving for Houston. We got on board and bid adieu to the once beauti-ful but now ruined city. When we were out about five miles, we could see dead bodies floating around by the dozens. Whether God brought this destruction upon the city for its wickedness, we are not to judg

PETER A. NORTON. SAMUEL SHAW, HORACE L. JOHNSON, HEBER N. FOLKMAN,

THE WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The People in Some Parts Anxious to Hear the Gospel.

Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 12, 1900. To the Editor:

North Carolina generally is consid-ered a very healthy State, and very few of our Elders have suffered from sick-ness until this year, but this summer there has been considerable sickness among the Elders due, no doubt, to the intense heat, and some of them have lingered for weeks and even months upon the sickbed from malarial fever and other diseases, but through the faith and prayers of Elders and Saints, nath and prayers of Elders and Saints, and tender care nearly all are able to travel. The Elders are generally treated with respect by the majority of the people, but there are here as in all parts of the world, some who have scarcely ever been off their own destruction and community what plantation, and, consequently, whattial men tell them about the "Mor-mons." they consider the pure truth. There is a vast difference between the

in some parts of the west the people seem very prejudiced, teiling the Elders they are "Christians," and civil-ized and not heathens, wherefore they

many times threaten to mob them It is very different in the east, espe-cially along the sea coast. The peo-ple there are generally charitable and

Elder Markow Encounters Opposition and Persecution.

He is Protected by the American Consul at Bucharest, and Set Free.

The following is part of a private letter to Elder B, Goddard of this city: Roustschuk, Bulgarla.

My Dear Brother:

Thanks be to God, I am well and feel-ing good in the Gospel and hope you are the same. I thank my heavenly Father, for He has delivered me from the hands of my enemies. Their plans against me were not successful, for God was with

As I wrote you before, they desired to expell me from Roumania, and they laid the plan so that I should not only be expelled from that land, but also that the police or sheriff should take me to border line and then hand me, with my papers and the complaint against me, to the sheriff of the next county, so that I might be prevented from establishing myself there. When I heard of this and explained everything to him, that I had broken no law of the land, and I also offered to leave the country of my also offered to leave the country of my own free will and go from Roumania. Upon hearing this, the consul tele-phoned to the prefect not to expell me, and he vouched for me, as an honorable man, stating that I would of my own free choice leave Roumania. The pre-fect, however, claimed that the above was resulted by the law of the country Was required by the law of the country. The consul replied that he would bring the case before the minister of the king's cabinet, for he would not submit to my expulsion, as I was an American citizen. On the strength of that statement, the prefect telephoned for me to appear before him personally. The con-

il advised me to do so and stated that they would not permit me to go as a ree man, to come back to him and he would then go before the ministerium. or cabinet. However, they set me free without any further trouble, and I desire to say that we have a very good American consul in Bucharest.

My dear brother, I went from there to toustschuk in Bulgaria, where I visited everal Protestant meetings and be-ame acquainted with the people. It is ery difficult to labor in a strange land, you have no tracts in their lang-but I found a few persons, who To the Editor: could read my tracts in the German anguage. They were pleased to hear language. They were pleased to hear my teachings, but as soon as they read in the tracts about the Book of Mormon, they turned against me, for they had been warned by publications issued by book and against the our enemies, against the Latter-day Saints. They showed me one of these publications, a large sized book, printed in text and language. The boo d in Bulgarian book is full of text and language. The book is full of illustrations, tells of some seventeen wives of Brigham Young and it has prejudiced the minds the people though there are still a fea who want ed to hear me further There are all

anner of "Christians" In Bulgaria igion is Greel The country's main re-Catholic, but among the Bulgarians, we Californe, our among the bulgarians, we find Baptists, Methodists, Sabbathists, Spiritualists, Lutherans, Congregation-alists and many others. I am very thankful to my heavenly

kind, and anxious to hear the Gospel. Father, for in all my persecutions He

Songs, recitations, races and games were enjoyed by the participants and onlookers until all said, "it is enough. Your brethren, SOREN YORGESEN, J. F. ALLRED, JNO. HEATON, Conference Presidency.

MEETING IN CONFERENCE. Elders in Alabama Hold a Gathering at Payson.

I left my home and loved ones in Dun-can, Ariz., July 13, 1899. I soon found myself in Chattanooga, Tenn., and was assigned to labor in South Alabama onference in company with Elder H. Larson. Since that time I have traveled with several of the Elders, among whom are Elder H. J. Holyoak, who is my companion at the present time, My labors have been the happiest part My labors have been the happiest part of my life, and the more I work and the longer I stay, the more I can see the necessity of the Gospel being preached. We are at present laboring in Covington county, Alabama, and on the 5th and 9th of September we were called by our new president, R. L. Houtz, who has re-cently hear called to this position to st ently been called to this position, to at-

centy been called to this position, to at-tend branch conference at Payson, Ala, The time appointed came, and confer-ence convened with six Elders present, viz.: R. G. Houtz, Theo, Martineau, J. J. Thorapson, Daniel Bogley, H. J. Holyoak and W. T. Gale. Meeting was held at 16 a, m.; also at 3 p. m., and the principles of the Gospel were ex-plained, Sunday morning, Sept. 9th, the Elders met in council meeting at 8 a Elders met in council meeting at 8 a n. We received many valuable instructions and the Spirit of God was made manifest. General meeting convened at ing also convened at 3 p. m. The meet. ing also convened at 3 p. m. The meet. ing at 7 p. m. was held at the home of Brother J. A. Nichols, where all en-joyed the blessings of hearing the prin-ciples of life and calculation explained ciples of life and salvation explained. On Sept. 10th the Elders all left for

AN OLD NAUVOO MORMON.

His Reminiscences of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Though No Longer a Member of the Church He Speaks Well of the Martyr and the Saints.

39 Washington Ave., Richmond, Ind., ' Sept. 14, 1900.

To the Editor: I left my home in St. Charles, Idaho, April 5, 1900, for a mission to the North-ern States. I arrived at Chicago on the 14th, and was appointed to labor in the Northern Indiana conference. I went to Indianapolis, where I stayed for six weeks. From there I was sent to Ft. Wayne, where I labored until confer-ence, which was held at Anderson, Aug. 18th and 19th. I was then appointed to labor with Elder Ira Pace, of Park City, Utah, in the city of Richmond, Wayne county, Ind. Since my arrival here I have met, and

Fayne county, Ind. Since my arrival here I have met, and coversed a number of times with Ir. John Hatfield, an old Nauvoo Mormon." He was baptized by the brophet Joseph, was well acquainted ith him, and speaks of him in the high-st terms of praise. He saw the Prophet fiter he came back to give himself up, ind heard him cay: "I am going like lamb to the slaughter." etc. He saw him and his brother Hyrum after their

tablished with the bloed of the martyrs He was followed by Elder James G Duffin, who treated on the divinity of the Prophet Joseph Smith's mission, relating many of his predictions and showing their literal fulfilment. We held no meetings at night, but all of the Elders went to the home of our kind friend, Elija Adams, where we re-ceived some more valuable instructions

rom our president. In this hospitable home we had treat that is seldom enjoyed by the servants of the Lord in these parts. We had the privilege of being seated at at the same table at the same time, and partake of the bounties of the earth. After the repast the Elders went to after the repast the Enders went to different places to stay for the night. At \$:30 o'clock Monday morning we all met again in Priesthood meeting. After this meeting we had a few min-utes' intermission, after which we again assembled, the time being occuagain assembled, the time being occu-pied by Elder Leavitt, who spoke on the Holy Ghost, and its effects and blessings. He was followed by El-der Masters, who made a few remarks on general topics, and the remainder of the time was occupied by Elder James Duffin

The afternoon was spent at the home of Brother Adams. At night another public meeting was

held where the Gospel was discussed by Elders A, T, Smith and Duffin, El-der Joseph W. Webb made a few clos-ing remarks, after which our confer-ence adjourned and all the Elders re-turned to Brother Adams' for the night by bla required. There were many oth by his request. There were many oth ers that gave the Elders invitations t stay with them, but we had made this nise that all would stay one night with him. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed

throughout the entire session and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves. As a result of our conference and habors here we hope to add a few hones souls to the fold of Christ.

Your brethren in Christ, JOSEPH W. WEBB, L. C. LEAVITT, NEPHI WILLIAMS,

Conference Presidency. Sunday School Anniversary.

Pueblo, Co., Sept. 18, 1900.

To the Editor; The Sunday school of the Puebl-branch of the Church of Jesus Chris of Latter-day Saints celebrated on the 9th inst. their third anniversary by ar it-door picnic. We met at Brothe om. Johnson's at 8 a. m. Sunday, and out-door picnic. then started down the Arkansas river to Brother Pattree's, who lives five miles from town. Elders H. E. Cum-mings, W. D. Cummings and R. L. Cole. man, with families, took the lead, whil the ten wagons and buggles loaded with rosy-faced boys and girls followed. At

9:15 we arrived in a shady grove among the cottouwood trees. The superinten dent called the congregation to order and opened the day's exercises.

The day was then spent most en-joyably and profitably, and the return journey was commenced at 4 p. m. H. E. CUMMINGS. JAS. THOMAS JOHNSON.

STAKE CONFERENCES. Davis Stake.

Centerville, Utah, Sept. 17, 1900. Centerville, Utah, Sept. 17, 1900. The quarterly conference of the Davis Stake was held in a bowery at Farm-ington, on Sunday, Sept. 16. A session of the Sunday schools of the Farming-ton ward was held in the morning from 9:39 tail0300 a.m. A short program was rendered and Elder George Teasdale gave some good instructions and spoke words of encouragement to the officers and children. Conference opened at 10:20. There

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school on Sunday morning the 9th, Stake conference commenced, and continued its sessions till Menday Eighteen of the nineteen the Stake were represented at 4 p. m. 1 wards of the and reported by Bishops or other repre entatives.

The necessary conference business was transacted in the presenting of, and voting for, the general Authorities of the Church and the Stake authorities. Among these last named two High uncllors were nominated, elected and rdained to fill vacancies caused by two f the members having gone on mis

sions. Father Edward Bunker was ordained a Patriarch. The principal themes dwelt upon were tithing, offerings, fam-ily and secret prayers, and the neces-sity of Teachers faithfully doing their duty by visiting the Saints.

On the evening of Sunday, the 9th, a combined session of Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. associations and of the Sabbath schools was held.

chools was held, Elder Angus M. Cannon was present ministered at all the meetings and ministered words of comfort and encouragement to the people of Dixle, with whom he had been identified nearly thirty-nine years 1.20

At the close of the Stake conference on Monday afternoon Elder F. M. Ly-man delivered the parting benediction upon the people and all their interests.

JAMES G. BLEAK, Stake Clerk.

Pocatello Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Pocatello Stake was held at Marsh Center, Idaho, in a nice bowery, arranged for the purpose, on Saturday and Sun-

day, Sept. 2nd and 3rd. Elder Wm. C. Parkinson presided, Rudger Clawson of the Council of the Apostles, and J. Golden Kimball, of the First Council of Seventies were present; also Elder Wm. A. Hyde, a number of High Councilors, nearly all the Bishops, and Elder C. C. Shaw, of the Descret News.

Elder Parkinson made a report of the condition of the Stake, which was very

satisfactory. Bishops Wright of Marsh Center, and Canuon of Pocatello, reported their wards. The Saints were progressing and doing their duty. Elder Noafi S. Fond, lately returned missionary from Sweden, spoke. He was proud of the people there, and had been very suc-

essful in acquiring the language. Elder Rudger Clawson dwelt upon the perfection in organization of the Church Jesus Christ, its Stakes, wards and ffleers.

After the opening exercises of the afternoon session, Elder J. G. Kimbali dwelt upon the need of the Saints giv-ing intelligent obedience to God's commandments.

mandments. Elder Rudger Clawson announced that as Elder Parkinson had been with-out a second counselor since the or-ganization of the Stake, one would be

ganization of the Stake, one would be given him at this conference. Elder Noah S. Pond was unanimous-ly sustained in that position. Elder Lysander C. Pond was unanimously sustained as clerk of the Stake. The visiting brethern spoke upon the extent of this work, the activity of the brethren leading it, and especially of its leaders, who have gone beyond the vell. Elder Parkinson earnestly advised the Sainis to be energetic and contentthe Salins to be energetic and content-ed, and do all they could to build up this new Stake of Zion. The afternoon sea-sion of the second day was given for the Stake conference of the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A., at which J. G. Kimball and Sister Emma Goddard, of the general board were present and works interest board, were present and spoke interest-ingly to the young men and women. An excellent spirit prevailed through-out the meetings, and many people from different portions of the Stake were present. L. C. PCND, Stake Clerk Stake Clerk.

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